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SUBJ: AZOREAN DEVELOPMENTS: MOTA AMARAL ASKED TO FORM GOVERNMENT

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1. THE MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC, GALVAO DE FIGUEIREDO, ARRIVED IN THE AZORES ON AUGUST 31. ON SEPT. 1, AS EXPECTED, HE ASKED PPD LEADER JOAO BOSCO MOTA AMARAL TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT.

2. GALVAO DE FIGUEIREDO'S LARGE STAFF (REFTEL) HAS DRAWN PUBLIC FIRE FROM THE AZOREAN CDS. IT ACCUSED HIM OF TRYING TO FORM A PARALLEL GOVERNMENT.

3. IN HIS SPEECH WELCOMING GALVAO DE FIGUEIREDO, REGIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MONJARDINO STATED THAT AZOREANS ARE WAITING FOR THE GOP TO KEEP ITS WORD: 1) BY PERMITTING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION, ALL TAXES COLLECTED IN THE AZORES TO GO TO THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT; 2) BY ASSUMING THE COST OF INSULARITY AS THE PRICE OF SOVEREIGNTY; I.E., SUBSIDIZE THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT;

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EL BY RECOGNIZING THE ROLE OF THE REGION IN INTERNATIONAL

NEGOTIATIONS AFFECTING IT; AND 4) BY SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, NOT IRRITATING IT.

4. COMMENT: MONJARDINO'S COMMENTS GO TO THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM OF AUTONOMY. THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT MUST HAVE FUNDS AT IT'S DISPOSAL IF IT IS TO GOVERN. THE CONSTITUTION STATES ALL TAXES COLLECTED IN THE REGION BELONG TO THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT BUT THE GOP HAS NOT YET TAKEN THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. MONJARDINO TOLD SOARES HE SHOULD NOT ATTEND THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY UNLESS THE GOP HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED FOR THIS. THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE AND SOARES IS COMING. THE GOP CAN EXPECT TO HEAR MORE AZOREANS ON THIS AND OTHER FINANCIAL QUESTIONS. PFEIFLE

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